

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The foregoing amendments correct the minor typographical errors noted by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed January 19, 2005, which were present in the amendments filed February 13, 2004, and November 15, 2005.

Specifically, the parenthetical expressions present in claims 1 and 32 were correct in the previous amendments. The foregoing presented claims do not contain a comma underlined at line 8 in claim 1 and claim 32 does not contain a dash between the words "the" and "first" in line 1. Applicants submit that the claims could have and should have been examined with these minor informalities.

With respect to the amendments to the specification, the claim for priority has been changed to show all of the language present in the preliminary amendment. The amendments to pages 8 and 16 have been changed to show the correct line numbers. That is the amendment to claim 8 should start at line 18, not line 19, and the amendment to page 16 should start at line 7, not line 17. With respect to the amendments to pages 8 and 9, the parenthetical expressions have been removed. It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing amendments are free of any minor informalities.

In the last substantive Office Action, dated June 25, 2004, the Examiner required a restriction between two groups. Applicants reaffirm the election of Group II, with traverse, for the reason set forth in the response filed July 28, 2004. It is again pointed out that the particulars of the fastening system in the Group I claims is essentially similar to the fastening system in the Group II claims, with some minor variations. Applicants believe that both groups of claims could be examined together and should be present in a single patent, not multiple patents.

This election is made **with traverse**. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-8. These sheets, which include Fig. 1-8, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-8. These sheets are formal drawings. Changes have been made to Figs. 1D, and 1D' as noted on the Annotated Sheets. Figs 6A, 6B, 7 and 8 were amended by removing the words appearing on these micrographs. Annotated Sheets are therefore not provided.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

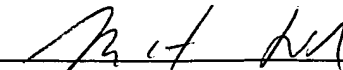
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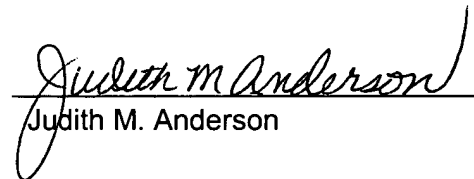
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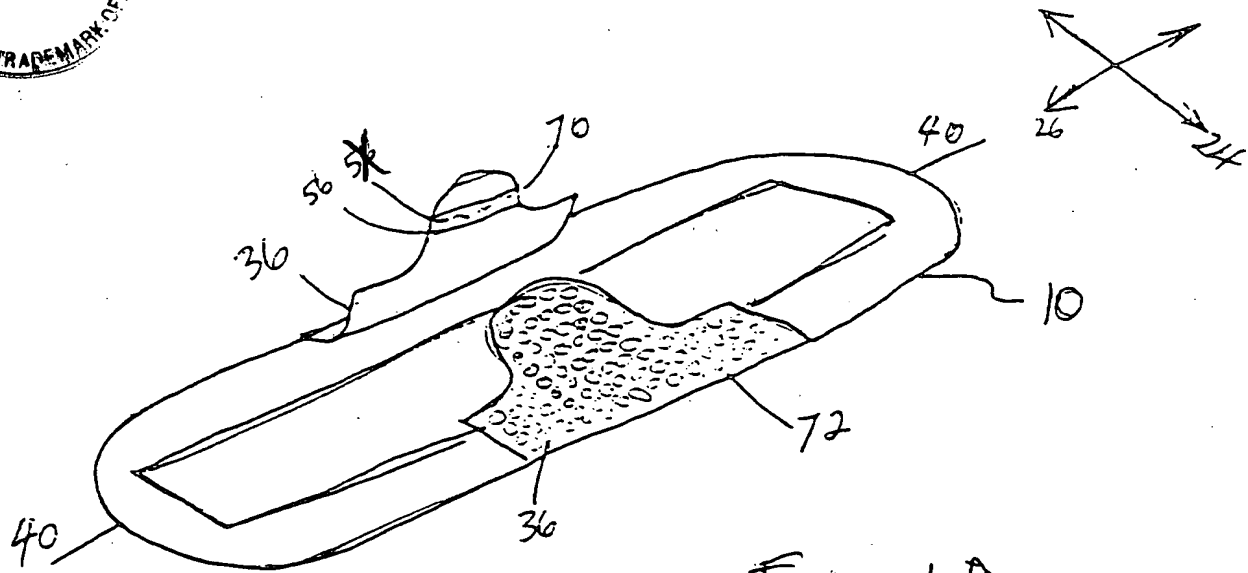
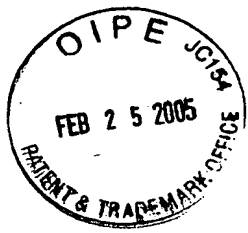


FIG. 1D

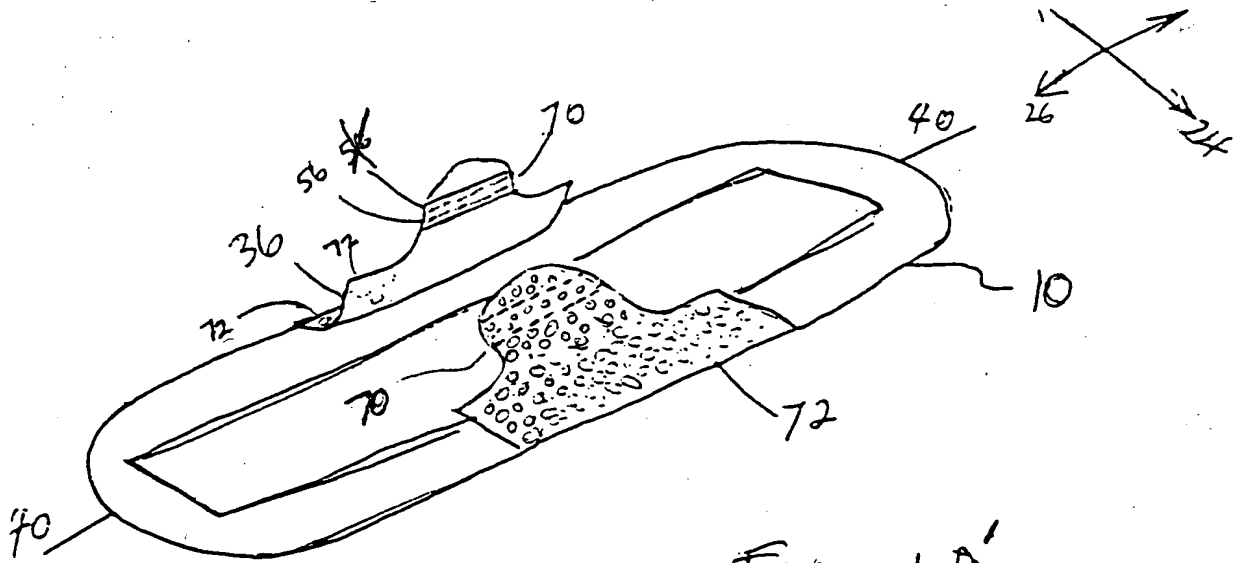


FIG. 1D'

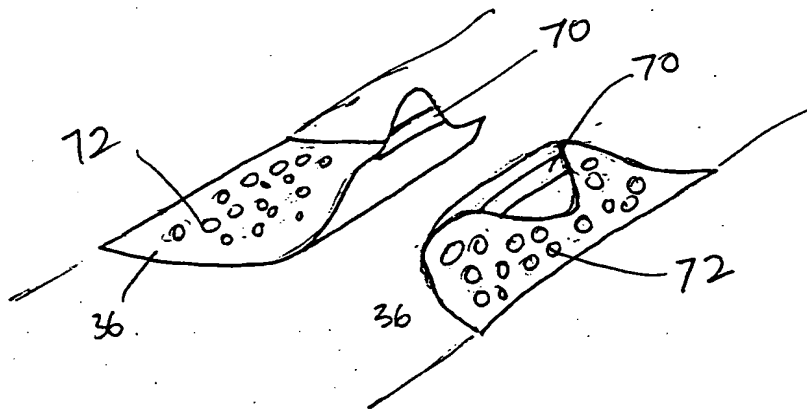


FIG. 1E